

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2846

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ECRE, BTIO, TC

SUBJ: ABU DHABI WATER PRIPLINE PROJECT

REF: ABU DHABI 649 AND EARLER

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL REP HARBERT-HOWARD GROUP (THOMAIR INTERNATIONAL), TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF ABU DHABI DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ELECTRICITY (DWE) HAS RECOMMENDED IN FAVOR OF AWARDING CONTRACT TO U.S. FIRMS. AFTER FINAL APPROVAL BY DEPT. CHAIRMAN, RECOMMENDATION WILL GO TO ABU DHABI GENERAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE, WHO THEN FORWARDS ITS RECOMMENDATION TO ABU DHABI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR FINAL DECISION.

2. PROCESS IS CUMBERSOME ONE, BUT THOMAIR REP. CONFIDENT OF FINAL RESULT. REEVALUATION OF TENDERS REVEALED ERROR IN U.S. BIDDERS' EXCHANGE CALCULATIONS -- AN ERROR THAT RESULTED IN HARBERT-HOWARD'S PRICE BEING 9.3 PERCENT HIGHER THAN CCC'S INSTEAD OF ORIGINAL 4.5 PERCENT. CCC IS REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTING TO LINE UP MORE SUPPORT AMONG INFLUENTIAL MERCHANTS, BUT THESE ATTEMPTS LOCALLY INTERPRETED AS SIGN OF WEAKNESS.  
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